

1 STATE OF ILLINOIS
2 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
3 SENATE

4 Senate Resolution No. 38

5 Offered by Senators Parker, Cullerton,
6 Lauzen and Dillard.

7 WHEREAS, Exotic and invasive aquatic species have done
8 irreparable damage to the Great Lakes and the land and water
9 resources of the country; and

10 WHEREAS, The discharge of ballast water and sediments
11 from commercial shipping vessels is a primary pathway for
12 introducing new aquatic nuisance species and spreading
13 established aquatic nuisance species; and

14 WHEREAS, Eight out of ten new aquatic nuisance species
15 come into the country via ballast water; and

16 WHEREAS, Exotic and invasive aquatic species control and
17 prevention requires significant coordination at state,
18 federal, and international levels; and

19 WHEREAS, In an effort to control the introduction and
20 spread of aquatic nuisance species, Illinois should explore
21 solutions to prevent the introduction and spread of aquatic
22 nuisance species into Lake Michigan waters; therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SECOND GENERAL
24 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Department of
25 Natural Resources, the Environmental Protection Agency, and
26 the Illinois International Port Authority shall study
27 preventing the introduction and minimizing the spread of
28 aquatic nuisance species within Illinois waters; and be it
29 further

1 RESOLVED, That the study shall (i) analyze how to best
2 abate harmful ecological, economic, social, and public health
3 impacts from aquatic nuisance species infestations within
4 Illinois waters, (ii) make recommendations regarding how to
5 best implement an aquatic nuisance species prevention program
6 in Illinois and provide for interstate collaboration, taking
7 into consideration all available scientific information,
8 technologies, and practices, and economic impacts of such
9 measures, and analyze the possible costs and sources of
10 funding to implement their recommendations, and (iii) analyze
11 possible costs and sources of funding for carrying out the
12 federally approved Department of Natural Resources
13 Comprehensive Management Plan for Aquatic Nuisance Species in
14 Illinois; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That the Department of Natural Resources, the
16 Environmental Protection Agency, and the Illinois
17 International Port Authority fully participate in interstate
18 and federal studies currently underway to address the control
19 and prevention of the spread of exotic and invasive aquatic
20 species; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the Department of Natural Resources, the
22 Environmental Protection Agency, and the Illinois
23 International Port Authority report (i) the findings and
24 recommendations of the study and (ii) progress made with the
25 interstate and federal studies to the Senate of the State of
26 Illinois on or before January 15, 2002; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
28 delivered to the Director of Natural Resources, the Director

1 of the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Chairman of
2 the Illinois International Port Authority.

3 Adopted by the Senate, April 19, 2001.

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President of the Senate

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Secretary of the Senate